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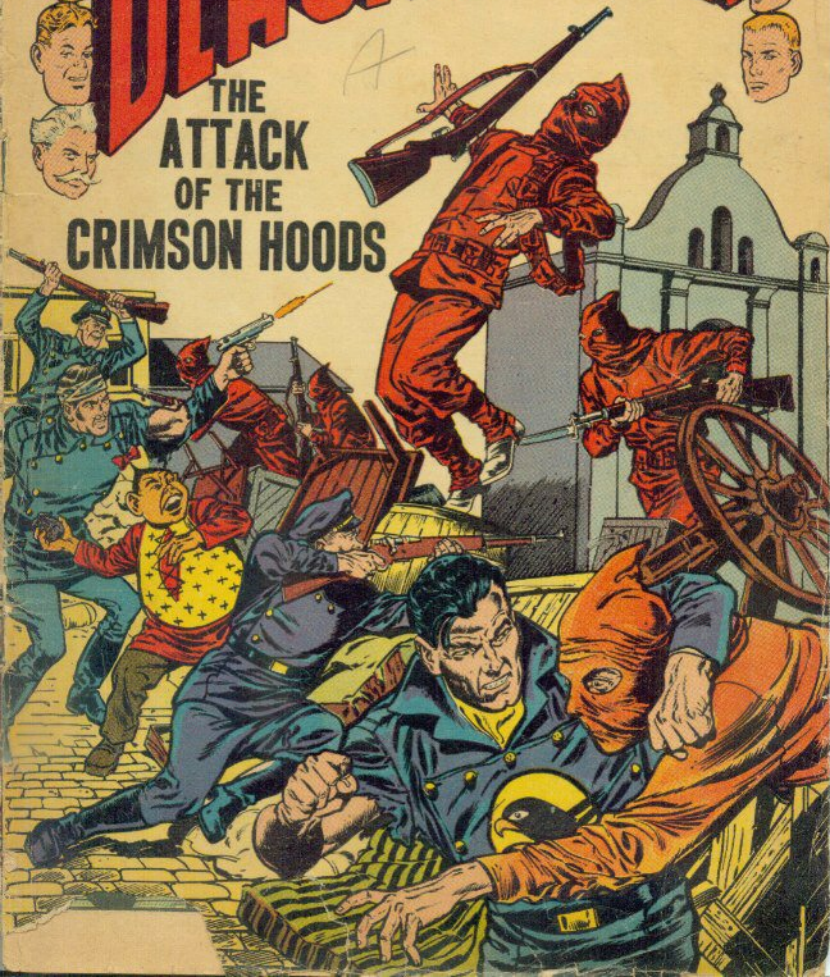
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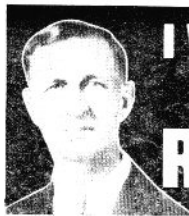
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BLACKHAWK

WHAT WERE THEY...MEN OF NEW AND TERRIBLE EVIL...OR DARK PHANTOMS FROM THE ETHERNAL PIT...THESE BLOOD-MAD MONSTERS FROM THE DEPTHS? THEY POPPED OUT OF SOLID EARTH TO LOOT AND KILL... THEN FLED AGAIN INTO THE GROUND WHERE NO MAN... NOT EVEN THE MIGHTY BLACK-HAWKS...COULD PURSUE! MUST A REELING WORLD SURRENDER AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE TERRIBLE DR. MOLE AND HIS **DEVIL'S SQUADRON!**



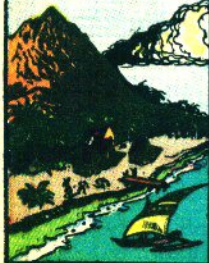
BLACKHAWK

COULD ANYONE VISUALIZE A MORE PEACEFUL SCENE THAN THE JUNGLE VILLAGE OF KAN-BOR ON A SPRING DAY?

SUDDENLY THAT PEACE IS SHATTERED BY THE SCREAM OF JETS!

EEEEAAAA!
THE BLACK-
HAWKS!

THERE'S KAN-DOR! YOU
KNOW YOUR ORDERS
GANG...



WHAT?
CAN
THESE
BE THE
BLACK-
HAWKS,
GUAR-
DIANS
OF
JUSTICE,
DEFENDERS
OF THE
INNOCENT?

BLAST ANYTHING
THAT MOVES! DON'T
SPARE A LIVING
PERSON!

JAWOHL,
BLACKHAWK!
VE KNOW DER
ORDERS!



BUT WAIT! ARE THESE REALLY
"INNOCENT NATIVES"?

MERCI! NOW I
FEEL BETTAIR! ZE
MASK OF INNOCENCE
IS GONE!



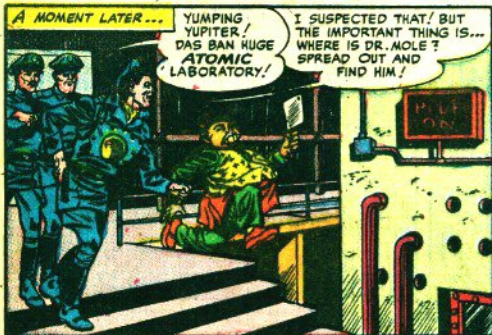
THAT'S PIN-POINTING
'EM, GANG! NOW
LAND AND MOP UP!



CHUCK, STAY ALOST
AND MAKE SURE
NOBODY ESCAPES
FROM THAT BIG
HUT AS WE CLOSE
IN FOR THE KILL!

I HOPE
THEY
TRY IT,
BLACK-
HAWK!





BLACKHAWK



WE'LL TURN THE NEUTRONIUM OVER TO THE UNITED WORLD VAULTS FOR SAFE STORAGE AND THEN HEAD HOME!

AND CHOP CHOP FIXEE BIG FEAST TO CELEBRATE NEW BLACKHAWK VICTORY OVER EVIL!



A FEW HOURS LATER, AT UNITED WORLD HEADQUARTERS...

...EVENTUALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, WE'LL GET DR. MOLE! MEANWHILE, YOU HAVE A SAFE PLACE FOR THE NEUTRONIUM!

YES, BLACKHAWK! WE'LL STORE IT IN THE U-W ATOMIC WEAPONS VAULT!



THIS IS THE WORLD'S MOST IMPREGNABLE VAULT! NOT EVEN INVADERS COULD BLAST THEIR WAY INTO IT!

WHEN ALL ATOMIC WEAPONS ARE STORED HERE, MR. PRESIDENT, THE WORLD MAY BEGIN TO KNOW PEACE!



THAT IS THE DREAM WE...
ARRGHH!

WHA...?



THE BLACKHAWKS! THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE!

AT 'EM, GANG! HIT FIRST AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER!



DON'T GO AWAY, DR. MOLE! I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MOMENT!

SORRY, BLACKHAWK, BUT I'M LATE FOR ANOTHER APPOINTMENT NOW! USE THE NERVE GAS, DESIRA!



GAS! DON'T BREATHE...
AGH-AGH-AGH-HH!

A USELESS PRECAUTION, BLACKHAWK! OUR COSTUMES ARE THE ONLY PROTECTION AGAINST THE PARALYZING GAS!

YOU CAN SEE ME AND HEAR ME, BUT YOU CAN'T MOVE! IF YOUR ADORING PUBLIC COULD ONLY SEE THE BLACKHAWKS NOW!

I CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE! THIS LOOKS LIKE OUR FINISH!



LET'S FINISH THEM OFF AND CLEAR OUT BEFORE THE GUARDS COME DOWN TO INVESTIGATE!

NO, DESIRA! I WANT THE BLACKHAWKS TO LIVE AND SUFFER A WHILE! I HAVE A MUCH BETTER IDEA! OPEN THE PLUNDER NET...



THEY'RE FOND OF THE LITTLE CHINESE SO WE'LL TAKE HIM AS A HOSTAGE! IF THE BLACKHAWKS INTERFERE WITH US, HE DIES... SLOWLY!

WONDERFUL! AND IF THEY DON'T TRY TO BLOCK US, THEIR DEAR PUBLIC WILL TURN AGAINST THEM! EITHER WAY, THEY'RE DOOMED!



SORRY TO RUSH OFF, BLACKHAWK, BUT WE'LL MEET AGAIN!

IF THEY HARM CHOP CHOP...! BUT HOW CAN THEY HOPE TO ESCAPE? THERE ARE FIFTY GUARDS ALONG THE STAIRWAY LEADING UP!



A MOMENT LATER, AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT...

THOSE MACHINES ARE WHISKING THROUGH YARDS OF REINFORCED CONCRETE AND STEEL! THEY MUST BE ATOMIC POWERED!



MANY MINUTES LATER...

THE NERVE PARALYSIS IS WEARING OFF! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT?

NEVER MIND ME, BLACKHAWK! GO AFTER THOSE HUMAN MOLES! SAVE YOUR FRIEND... AND SAVE THE WORLD FROM A NEW MENACE!



SACRE BLEU! IF ZEY CAN CRAWL IN ZE TUNNELS, SO CAN ZE BLACKHAWKS! FOLLOW ME, MES AMIS!

WAIT, ANDRE! YOU CAN'T GO AFTER THEM! THAT'S AN ORDER!



WE'D GET CHOP CHOP KILLED OR OURSELVES TRAPPED! AT THE RATE THEY TRAVEL, THEY MAY BE MILES AWAY BY NOW, IN ANY DIRECTION!

BUT... BUT YOLTING YEEPEERS, BLACKHAWK, YOU DON'T MEAN WE CAN GO HOME AND DO NOTHING WHILE DAS MOLE YERK LOOTS DA WOLD?

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN, OLAF! CHOP CHOP'S LIFE IS WORTH A DOZEN WORLDS! WE'RE LICKED AND WE MAY AS WELL FACE IT!

SEE? I TOLD YOU WE'D HAVE THE BLACKHAWKS HELPLESS! NOW THE WEALTH OF EARTH IS OURS, DESIRA! COME ON...



I... I GUESS THE UNITED WORLD CAN'T BLAME YOU, BLACKHAWK... BUT WE'D COME TO DEPEND ON YOU!

WE'LL STILL FIGHT ANY OTHER MENACE TO PEACE, SIR! I'M SORRY, BUT THE SAFETY OF MY MEN COMES FIRST! GOOD DAY, MR. PRESIDENT!

ACH DU LIEBER...! DOT I SHOULD BE LIVE TO BE ASHAMED OF DER UNIFORM I WEAR!

RELAX, HENDRICKSON! DON'T YOU CHUMPS RECOGNIZE A TRICK? I'M CERTAIN DR. MOLE WAS CLOSE BY, LISTENING TO OUR REACTIONS!

WE'LL ONLY GET ONE CHANCE TO RESCUE CHOP CHOP, SO THAT ONE WILL HAVE TO BE PERFECT!

SURE, BLACKHAWK! IF EVEN THE UNITED WORLD THINKS YOU'VE LET THEM DOWN, DR. MOLE MAY RELAX HIS GUARD AND GET CARELESS!



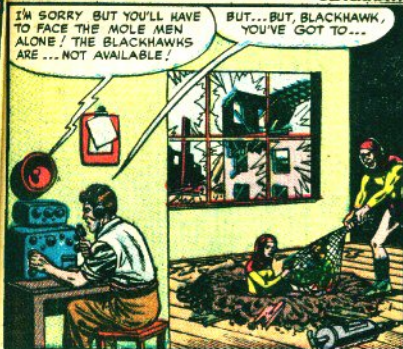
EXACTLY! BRING ME THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHARTS OF THE WORLD AND WE'LL GET BUSY AT ONCE! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

I FEEL BETTER! WHEN BLACKHAWK ASKS FOR SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... I KNOW HE'S GOT A HOT IDEA!

I'M AFRAID THIS IDEA IS ONLY LUKEWARM, STANISLAUS, BUT...

BLACKHAWKS! THIS IS VERNOR CITY! YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE US! MOLE MEN HAVE LOOTED OUR TREASURY AND BANKS! NOW THEY'RE MURDERING AND PILLAGING IN THE STREETS! COME AT ONCE!





THE MOLE MEN STRUCK THESE THREE CITIES, SO I'M POSITIVE THEIR HEAD-QUARTERS MUST BE NEAR ALL THREE... IN AN UNDERGROUND CAVERN!

I GET IT! BIG CAVERNS ARE USUALLY FOUND IN LIMESTONE... AND THE GEOLOGICAL CHART SHOWS LIMESTONE STRATA RIGHT THERE!

HERE'S MY PLAN, GANG! LISTEN CAREFULLY, BECAUSE IF THERE'S ONE SLIP-UP, CHOP CHOP WILL DIE!

AT THAT MOMENT, HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD...

THE MEN ARE GETTING RESTLESS, DR. MOLE! THEY WANT A CHANCE TO RELAX AND SPEND SOME OF THEIR LOOT!

THEY DESERVE IT! WE'RE MOVING TO NEW HEADQUARTERS, ANYHOW! WE'LL HIDE THE COSTUMES AND TAKE A VACATION!



WHAT ABOUT THIS HOSTAGE? YOU CAN'T LEAVE HIM AND YOU MUST KEEP HIM ALIVE TO CONTROL THE BLACKHAWKS!

NOT ANY MORE! I TOLD HIM HE WAS TALKING ON THE RADIO TO BLACKHAWK AND GOT HIS VOICE ON A TAPE RECORDER!

NOW I'LL FINISH HIM OFF! ONCE IN A WHILE WE'LL PLAY BACK THE TAPE RECORDING OF HIS VOICE TO BLACKHAWK OVER THE RADIO TO KEEP HIM SATISFIED!



WHAT HAPPEN? YOU NOT HURTEE CHOP CHOP OR BLACKHAWK TAKES YOU APART IN LITTLE PIECES!

BAH! YOU WERE STUPID AS THEY WERE... AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHO ARE STUPID!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, DR. MOLE!

YIIII! THE BLACKHAWKS... HERE!



ATTACK!
ATTACK THE
BLACKHAWKS!

DAS BAN
BEST NEWS
YET! I BAN
GOT ITCHY
KNUCKLES TO
SCRATCH!

DESTROY THEM,
MOLE MEN! DON'T
LET THEM REACH
US!

SOMEBODY
UNTIE CHOP
CHOP! ME
WANTEE JOIN
SCLAP, TOO!

I'LL BE THERE IN A MOMENT,
CHOP CHOP! YOU'VE EARNED
YOUR SHARE OF THIS FIGHT!

OWOOOFF!

ACHTUNG, STUPID! YOU VILL
LOOK MORE LIKE A MOLE
MIT DOT NOSE SMEARED
AROUND A LITTLE!

AIEEE!
BLACK-
HAWK!
LOOKEE...!

DR. MOLE
AND SHE-
DEVIL MAKE
ESCAPE!

WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT THEM NOW,
CHOP CHOP! THE GANG NEEDS EVERY
KNUCKLE AGAINST THESE ODDS!

YOU YERKS ENJOY DIGGING
IN DAS DIRT! I BAN RUB YOUR
NOSE IN IT SOME MORE!

VOT? SO SOON
DER FUN IS OVER!

STICK AROUND, HENDRICKSON! I HAVE A
FEELING DR. MOLE AND DESIRA WILL
REJOIN US SOON!



SUDDENLY...

YIHH! GET ME OUT OF HERE!

READY, CHOP CHOP! I THINK YOU DESERVE TO HAVE DR. MOLE TO YOURSELF!



EEEEOWW! WE'VE BEEN SHOCKED! THE GROUND IS CHARGED WITH ELECTRICITY!

HOW VELLY SHOCKING! NOW CHOP CHOP GIVEE 'NOTHER SHOCK!



CHOP CHOP'S SPECIAL SHOCKEE PUNCH!

GOOD WORK, CHOP CHOP! THE UNITED WORLD POLICE ARE WAITING UP ABOVE TO MOP UP WHAT'S LEFT OF THESE BLIND RATS!



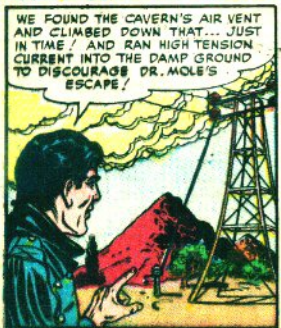
WE'LL USE THESE ATOMIC DIGGERS TO BLAST A PASSAGE DOWN FOR THEM, THEN TURN THE INSTRUMENTS OVER TO THE U-W FOR RESEARCH!

VELLY FINE... BUT WILL SOMEBODY KINDLY PLEASE EXPLAIN TO CHOP CHOP HOW YOU FINDEE THIS PLACE!



GLADLY, CHOP CHOP! ONCE WE KNEW IT'S APPROXIMATE LOCATION, WE PINPOINTED IT WITH OUR GEIGER COUNTERS!

TIENS! WHEN ZE DR. MOLE STEAL ZAT NEUTRONIUM, FOR RECHARGING ZE ATOMIC DIGGERS, HE CANNOT HIDE FROM ZE GEIGER COUNTER!



WE FOUND THE CAVERN'S AIR VENT AND CLIMBED DOWN THAT... JUST IN TIME! AND RAN HIGH TENSION CURRENT INTO THE DAMP GROUND TO DISCOURAGE DR. MOLE'S ESCAPE!



IS NO DOUBT... CHOP CHOP BELONG TO CLEVEREST FIGHTING CLOWD ON EARTH!

BUT YOU ALMOST DIDN'T, CHOP CHOP! I STILL SHUDDER WHEN I THINK OF HOW CLOSE WE CAME TO HAVING TO LIVE ON OLAFS COOKING!



ALL KILLER'S LEARN BEFORE THEIR FALL WE'RE ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL! WE'RE BLACKHAWKS!

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YOU
CAN'T ENTER
HERE! THIS IS
GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY!

BUT ME
PLOSPECTING
... AND
EVELYBODY
SAY THIS BE
BEST PLACE
TO LOOK
FOR
GOLD.

CHOP CHOP

FORT
KNOX
U.S.
GOLD
RESERVES



HOTSY-TOTSY! ME BE IN GOLD
COUNTY! MAYBE ME BE VELLY
LUCKY AND FIND SOME
TO TAKE HOME!

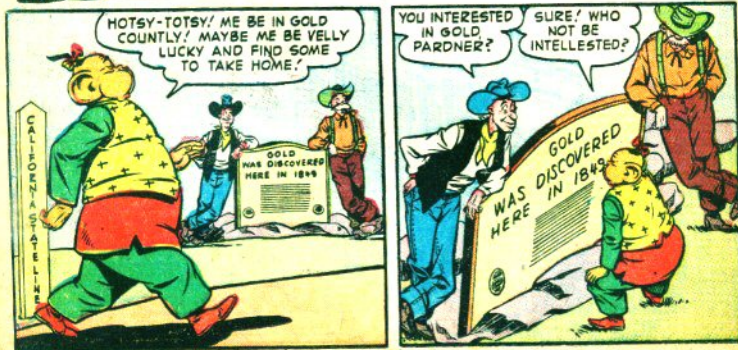
CALIFORNIA
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LINE

GOLD
WAS DISCOVERED
HERE IN 1849

YOU INTERESTED
IN GOLD
PARDNER?

SURE! WHO
NOT BE
INTELLESTED?

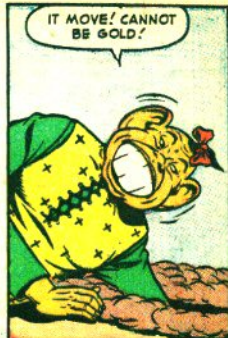
GOLD
DISCOVERED
HERE
IN 1849





AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...





GOLD, EH? THAT'S A GOOD ONE! OKAY, NOW LET'S TALK BUSINESS! WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR THOSE WORMS?

YOU WANT TO BUY THEM? YOU WANT TO PAY MONEY?



HEY, THERE? ARE YOU SELLING WORMS? I'LL BUY ALL YOU HAVE!

HOTSY TOTSY! ME BE IN BUSINESS! ME SELL TO HIGHEST BIDDER!



THIS FELLOW SURE IS A SHREWD OPERATOR! HE HAS US WHERE HE WANTS US!

\$25!
\$50!



THIS IS RIDICULOUS! BUT I MAKE IT \$75!

I'M GETTING THOSE WORMS! \$100!

OKAY! NOBODY SAY MORE! YOU GET THEM!



HERE YOU ARE! YOU WEREN'T KIDDING WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE DIGGING FOR GOLD! YOU JUST STRUCK IT RICH!

YIPSEE DOODLE! ME GO BACK TO GENERAL STORE NOW AND TELL MAN HOW ME BE LUCKY!



WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT SUCKER? HE'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME!

MANY HELLOS! ME BE BACK! ME HAVE PLENTY MONEY NOW! IS VELLY GOOD TO BE GOLD PROSPECTOR!

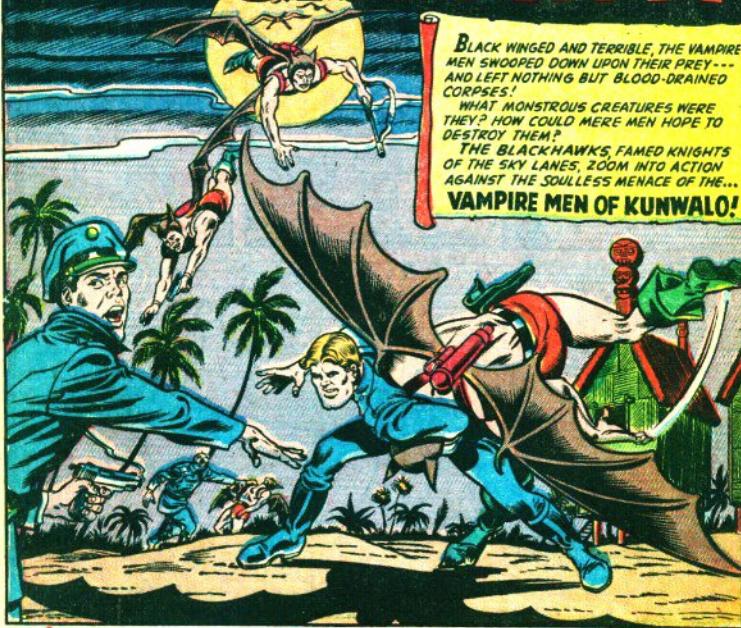


WELL, I'LL BE DURNED! HOW'D YOU EVER DO IT?

IS VELLY SIMPLE! ME FOUND LIGHT PLACE TO DIG! GOOMBYE NOW AND MANY THANK YOURS!



BLACKHAWK



BLACK WINGED AND TERRIBLE, THE VAMPIRE MEN SWOOPED DOWN UPON THEIR PREY --- AND LEFT NOTHING BUT BLOOD-DRAINED CORPSES!

WHAT MONSTROUS CREATURES WERE THEY? HOW COULD MERE MEN HOPE TO DESTROY THEM?

THE BLACKHAWKS, FAMED KNIGHTS OF THE SKY LANES, ZOOM INTO ACTION AGAINST THE SOULLESS MENACE OF THE...

VAMPIRE MEN OF KUNWALO!

AN
EMERGENCY
SUMMONS
BRINGS THE
BLACKHAWKS
TO THE VITAL
ZUAR CANAL
ZONE! AD-
MIRAL RAD-
FORD, IN
CHARGE OF
THE CANAL'S
DEFENSES,
TAKES THEM
AT ONCE TO
THE
INFIRMARY
BUILDING..

WE FOUND THIS MAN
EARLY THIS MORNING!
HE WAS ONE OF THE
GUARDS ASSIGNED TO
THE EASTERN ZONE!
HE'S THE FOURTH MAN
TO DIE IN THE PAST
WEEK, BLACKHAWK!

HOW
WAS
HE
KILLED,
ADMIRAL?

THE SAME AS THE OTHERS!
THE DOCTORS SAY THAT
MOST OF THE BLOOD WAS
DRAINED FROM HIS BODY!
IT'S THE WORK OF THE..
VAMPIRE MEN!

VAMPIRE
MEN? WHAT KIND
OF
CREATURES
ARE THEY?



THEY'RE REPUTED TO INHABIT THE HILLS OF KUNWALO-- WHICH SURROUND THE ZUAR CANAL REGION! THE NATIVES SAY THAT THE VAMPIRE MEN LIVE OFF THE BLOOD OF LIVESTOCK ANIMALS, AND ONLY INFREQUENTLY ATTACK HUMAN BEINGS!



BUT NOW THE VAMPIRE MEN HAVE APPARENTLY CHANGED THEIR HABITS! THEY'RE ATTACKING WHITE MEN! SOME OF OUR OWN NATIVES CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN THEM -- SWOOPING LOW NEAR THE CANAL AND LOOKING FOR VICTIMS!



VRAIMENTE! EEET EES A SILLY SUPERSTEET-ION, I THEENK!



I'D BE INCLINED TO AGREE-- IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE BODIES OF THOSE FOUR MEN, EACH DRAINED OF BLOOD! IF THESE ATTACKS DON'T CEASE SOON, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO KEEP A DEFENSE FORCE STATION HERE AT THE CANAL!



THAT WOULD BE DISASTER, ADMIRAL! THE KUNWALO NATIVES ARE HOSTILE! IF THEY THOUGHT THERE WAS A CHANCE TO DRIVE US AWAY, THEY'D ATTACK IN A MOMENT! THE DEFENSES MUST BE KEPT UP!

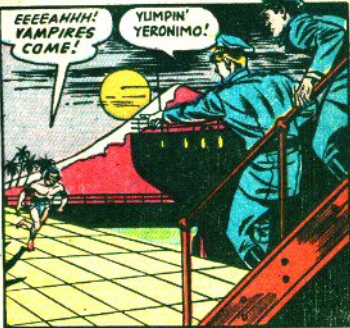
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FORTRESS FOR THE FREE WORLD, BLACKHAWK! THAT'S WHY I SENT FOR YOU! WE NEED YOUR HELP IN COMBATING THIS MENACE!



AS NIGHT FALLS, THE BLACK-HAWKS SPLIT UP INTO PAIRS, AND PATROL THE ZUAR CANAL REGION! SUDDENLY...

EEEEAAHHH! VAMPIRES COME!

YUMPIN' YERONIMO!



AY BAN SEE ONE, BLACKHAWK!

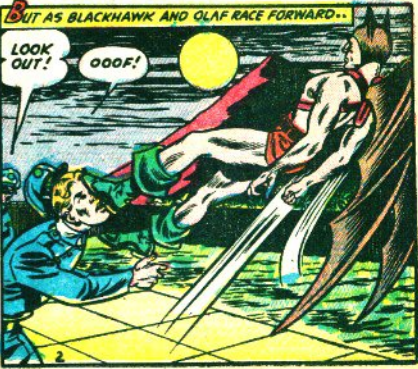
HE'S GOT ANOTHER VICTIM! STOP HIM!



BUT AS BLACKHAWK AND OLAF RACE FORWARD...

LOOK OUT!

OOOF!





PY YIMINY!
HE BAN
FLYING!

THAT'S HOW HE MANAGED
TO TAKE US BY SURPRISE,
OLAF! I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM
TO TAKE OFF AS WE
APPROACHED!



THIS POOR FELLOW
IS DEAD! BLOODLESS,
JUST LIKE THE
OTHERS!

SACRE BLEU!
WE JUST
FEEISHED OUT
ANOZZER VICTIM
FROM ZE CANAL!



HE WAS LIKE ZIS ONE--
PALE LIKE THE SHEET!
DIABLE! IT WAS NOT ZE
DROWNING ZAT KEELED
HIM!

BLACKHAWK!
ADMIRAL
BRADFORD WAS
ATTACKED BY
THE VAMPIRE
MEN IN HIS
HOME!



STANISLAUS AND I GOT THERE
BEFORE THE VAMPIRE COULD
FINISH IT'S DEADLY WORK!
A FEW SHOTS DROVE
HIM OFF-- AND WE
TOOK THE ADMIRAL
TO THE HOSPITAL!
THE DOCTOR SAYS
HE HAS A FAIR
CHANCE TO
RECOVER!

SOME-
THING'S
GOT
TO BE
DONE!



THE VAMPIRE MEN ARE
GETTING BOLDER IN THEIR
ATTACKS! THEY MUST BE
STOPPED, BEFORE THEY
THROW THE ZUAR CANAL'S
DEFENSES INTO COMPLETE
CHAOS!



THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, A LONE BLACKHAWK
PLANE WINGS TOWARD THE KUNWALO HILLS...

OH, GOLLIES! ME WISH YOU
LET OTEL BLACKHAWKS
COME ALONG ON TLIP! IS
VELLY DANGELOUS FLO
ONE MAN!

THEY'RE NEEDED TO HELP
GUARD THE ZUAR CANAL
ITSELF! WE CAN'T LET THE
NATIVES THINK THAT
THE BLACKHAWKS
PULLED OUT!



BUT SOMEONE HAS TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT THESE VAMPIRE
MEN! AND THERE'S NO BETTER
PLACE TO START LOOKING THAN
IN THEIR NATIVE HABITAT!



AS THE DAYLIGHT SLOWLY WANES, BLACKHAWK MOVES CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH THE HILL COUNTRY! AT LAST HE REACHES A NATIVE VILLAGE!



LISTEN, FELLA, WE'RE REALLY ON THE SAME SIDE! WHY DON'T WE TALK THIS OVER?



LATER, WHEN PAINFUL CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS TO BLACKHAWK ---

THEY'VE LEFT ME ALONE, TIED TO A POST IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE! I KNOW WHY: I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A LIVING SACRIFICE FOR THE VAMPIRE MEN --

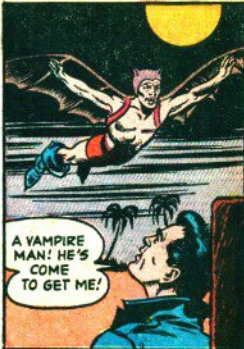


THESE POOR NATIVES ARE TERRIFIED OF THE VAMPIRES! EVERY NIGHT THEY RETREAT INTO THE WOODS, AND LEAVE ONE OF THEIR NUMBER TO DIE! THIS TIME, I'M ELECTED!

WHAT'S THAT!



THE WHISPER OF BAT WINGS IN THE NIGHT SKY... AND THEN A GHASTLY FIGURE FLITS DOWN INTO THE SQUARE!



A VAMPIRE MAN! HE'S COME TO GET ME!

AS THE EERIE, NIGHTMARE CREATURE APPROACHES...

A POWERFUL SUCTION NEEDLE, WITH A TANK ATTACHMENT! THAT'S HOW HE DRAINING HIS VICTIMS OF BLOOD! JUST AS I THOUGHT! HE'S NOT A REAL VAMPIRE AT ALL!



BUT HE CAN BE JUST AS DEADLY! SO IT'S TIME I WENT INTO ACTION!



TOO BAD THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE SHARPENED STAKES! I'D LIKE TO DRIVE IT THROUGH YOUR ROTTEN HEART!

MINUTES LATER, WHEN BLACKHAWK FREES HIMSELF ---

GLIDER WINGS -- WITH A SMALL ROCKET TUBE BUILT IN TO HELP YOU GET AIRBORNE! A PRETTY CLEVER DEVICE! BUT, THEN, SOME OF YOUR COUNTRY'S SCIENTISTS ARE INGENUOUS MEN!

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU EXPOSE US NOW!



MY COMRADES ARE ALREADY LEADING THE NATIVES IN A MASS ATTACK ON THE ZUAR CANAL! UNDER COVER OF THE FIGHT, WE WILL DYNAMITE THE LOCKS! THE ZUAR CANAL WILL BE RENDERED USELESS TO THE DEMOCRACIES!

SO THAT'S YOUR SCHEME!



MAYBE IT WON'T WORK AS PERFECTLY AS YOU THINK! I'LL NEED TO BORROW YOUR VAMPIRE EQUIPMENT! ANY OBJECTIONS?



TSK-TSK! I DIDN'T HEAR HIM SAY A WORD! I GUESS THAT MEANS HE DOESN'T OBJECT! NOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE THING TO DO BEFORE I TAKE OFF!



USING HIS BELT RADIO, BLACKHAWK CONTACTS HIS FRIENDS ...

LISTEN CAREFULLY, MEN! THERE'S GOING TO BE A NATIVE ATTACK ON THE CANAL DEFENSES! BE READY-- THE FLYING VAMPIRES ARE A HOAX-- KEEP A SHARP WATCH FOR THEM, CARRYING DYNAMITE!



THAT'S THAT! NOW I'LL TEST OUT THIS FLYING EQUIPMENT! HOPE I DON'T CRASH LAND BEFORE I GET A CHANCE TO JOIN IN THE FUN!



MEANWHILE, AT THE ZUAR CANAL, THE OTHER BLACKHAWKS AWAIT THE ATTACK!

DONNERWETTER! VEN ARE DEY COMING?

I SEE TORCHES IN ZE DISTANCE, MON AMI! ZE BATTLE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!



SHRIEKING WILDLY, THE TORCH-BEARING NATIVES ATTACK! THEY ARE MET BY HEAVY FIRE FROM THE CANAL'S DEFENDERS.

EEEEAAAA! DEATH TO THE WHITE MEN!





PY GAR! DAS VAMPIRE IS A GONER! AY BAN HIT DAS DYNAMITE!

BOOM



BUT AS THE OTHER VAMPIRE MEN PRESS ON TOWARD THEIR OBJECTIVE...

THE ATTACK HAS FAILED! THE NATIVES ARE ALREADY IN RETREAT! AND MOST OF MY COMRADES HAVE FOUND DEATH!



BUT OUR MISSION CAN STILL SUCCEED! A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE WILL DESTROY THE MAIN LOCK OF THE CANAL!

ONE OF THE VAMPIRE MEN GOT THROUGH!



BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SET OFF THE EXPLOSION!

KRASH



AS THE FUSE BURNS DOWN TOWARD THE EXPLOSIVE, BLACKHAWK MAKES A DESPERATE TOSS!

WHEN! THAT WON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE NOW!



AND NEITHER WILL YOU!



LATER, IN ADMIRAL BRADFORD'S HEADQUARTERS....

THANKS TO YOUR HELP, THE ZUAR CANAL HAS BEEN SAVED! THE NATIVES OF KUNWALO KNOW HOW THEY WERE DECEIVED, AND IT ISN'T LIKELY THEY'LL ATTACK AGAIN! THE FREE WORLD HAS REASON TO BE GRATEFUL TO YOU, GENTLEMEN!

WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE, SIR! SINCE THE MENACE OF THE VAMPIRE MEN IS ENDED, WE'LL HEAD FOR HOME NOW!

MAN-KILLER

TERRENCE DUTTON inhaled the crisp air of northern India in winter as he bumped along the road in his jeep. Though he had spent most of his life in the huge country, he never ceased to marvel at the wonderful climate here at the very base of the Himalayas. He was on his way to the home of friends for a brief vacation before resuming his heavy duties further south, and he looked forward to the rest and the easy company of Cynthia and Chet Myles. As he approached the village of Kimla, he heard the uproar, and he stepped down on the accelerator. At the outskirts, he was greeted by swarms of natives all in a state of high excitement and it was with a great deal of effort that he was able, finally, to stop one and speak to him in the dialect of the country. The man, gesturing wildly as he spoke, told of the man-killing tiger roaming the area. He had just claimed his sixty-first victim, an old man who had gone to gather sticks. Dutton drove on slowly through the eddying masses, and on the other side of the village he was able to pick up speed until he reached the Myles' home about a mile away.

The news had already reached there for the workers were gathered in small groups about the property as Terry drove up to the house. Chet was on hand to greet him, with Cynthia emerging from the house shortly afterwards. They were obviously upset. After the usual greetings, Chet said, "It's got the people in a state of panic, and I don't wonder. The cursed beast kills and then retires to the jungle for a few weeks before it strikes again." Cynthia added, "They say only old tigers are man-killers, or those who have been maimed so they can't go after fletcher game, but some of the natives have seen this killer and they say he's huge and neither old nor maimed." Terrence shook his head as he thought it over, then he spoke, "Looks like we'll be taking in a tiger hunt, this trip, eh, Chet?" he queried. Chet, glancing at his obviously worried wife, nodded a silent assent.

They started out shortly after that, taking the jeep out past the village in the direction indicated by the natives. They stood by the remains of the old man all night, expecting the tiger to follow its usual habit and return. But it was a smart tiger, there was not a sign of the killer all during their vigil. The next morning, after a quick breakfast, Terry said, "This baby isn't retreating into the jungle this time. Remember the roar just before dawn?" "Yes," replied Chet angrily, "he must be out for more blood, and I intend to see that he doesn't get it." "Let's take our time, Chet, keep calm, and move slowly," warned Terry. "Perhaps we can pick up some kind of trail down by the water hole." They found that the beast had been there during the night, the marks left from the huge paws were clearly outlined. So, following the

custom, they secured a young water buffalo from the village and tethered him nearby. The animal sensed the tiger's nearness and moved nervously back and forth. "I'm not sure this poor animal will draw the beast out," said Terry. "He's after different game. Our best bet is through the tall grass to the bare plateau over there. It isn't a long trip, but since it's likely that he's in the grass somewhere near, it's a dangerous one." Chet agreed, and keeping twenty feet apart, they started to move silently through the shoulder-high, yellow grass. Terry, a hunter of wide experience, could sense the tiger's nearness, but he was shocked when, moments after they had started to walk, Chet let out a cry behind him, and dodged just in time to miss the charge of the huge beast. The tiger hit against his upraised gun, cracking it smartly in two as he flew by. Terry fired once into the air before hurrying back to the dazed Chet. "Stay immediately behind me," instructed Terry. "And we'll move slowly out of here." But Chet would have none of it. "We're going to get the tiger, Terry," he breathed heavily. "Let's not give up when he's almost in our hands." "Or at our throats," added Terry in a whisper. "All right, but you'll have to shadow me about a foot behind. We can't take a chance on a repeat charge with you unarmed."

Terry felt the chill at the back of his neck as they turned in the direction the tiger had gone. As he looked out over the still sea of grass, he could see it bend down in a large semi-circle a hundred yards away. The tiger was waiting. He would stalk them, or charge again. Terry had to be ready for either eventuality. Chet saw the bent grass, and he knew what it meant. He leaned down and picked up a handful of small stones. Then with a nod from Terry, he aimed carefully and threw the first one. It connected. They heard the angry growl and then saw the grass begin to move.

Terry headed slowly for the plateau a short distance away. "If we move quickly," he thought, "he'll charge, and with Chet unarmed it would be doubly dangerous. This way there's a chance he'll stalk until we break into full view and then . . ."

They had reached the edge of the plateau. Chet was in front of Terry now and he stepped quickly ahead to give Terry room to move in and whirl around, his gun ready. The tiger burst from the grass, a shout strangled itself in Chet's throat as Terry's bullet hit the beast between the eyes, not fifteen feet away. It heaved over, a mass of killer in death.

Back at the house, Cynthia heard the story breathlessly as the natives arrived in throngs to thank the two hunters. Later that night, Terrence Dutton sank thankfully into bed, knowing his night's sleep would not be broken by the roar of the man-killing tiger.

BLACKHAWK



RUTHLESS KILLERS. PITILESS PURVEYORS OF TERROR -- THESE WERE THE CRIMSON HOODS! IN BLOOD AND VIOLENCE THEY WROTE THEIR NAMES SAVAGELY ACROSS THE STREETS OF THE VITAL COASTAL CITY! BUT THE CRIMSON HOODS RECKONED WITHOUT A BATTERED OLD Q SHIP, A RELIC OF WORLD WAR II, AND THEY UNDERATED THE POWER OF THE MIGHTY BLACKHAWKS WHO HAD SWORN TO PUT AN END FOREVER TO THE

TERROR OF THE CRIMSON HOODS!

THE FAMED DARK KNIGHTS PAY A VISIT TO THE IMPORTANT COASTAL CITY OF KYANG-SHU! AND HERE THE TOWN'S MAYOR PROUDLY INTRODUCES THEM TO A VETERAN OF BATTLE!

THIS Q SHIP USED TO BELONG TO THE ITALIAN NAVY. IT WAS SEIZED BY ITS OWN CREW AND TURNED OVER TO THE ALLIES WHEN MUSSOLINI JOINED HITLER!

THE CREW LOVED FREEDOM TOO MUCH TO FIGHT AGAINST IT, EH?



SOME SAY THE Q SHIP ITSELF INHERITED THAT LOVE OF FREEDOM! IT GAVE VALIANT SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II, AND CARRIED ON IN THE SAME TRADITION WHEN THE REDS BECAME THE NEW ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY!

THE SHIP HAS A PROUD HISTORY! ISN'T IT TIME IT WAS DECOMMISSIONED, THOUGH?



BLACKHAWK

OH, I SUPPOSE THE OLD SHIP'S FIGHTING DAYS ARE OVER, BLACKHAWK! BUT THE TOWNS-PEOPLE REGARD THE Q SHIP AS A SYMBOL! THEY SAY THAT AS LONG AS THE SHIP STAYS AFLOAT, OUR PEOPLE WILL NEVER LOSE THEIR FREEDOM!

IT'S AN INTERESTING THOUGHT, MR. MAYOR!

SUDDENLY...

WHAT'S THAT?

THE CITY HALL! IT'S BEEN BLOWN UP!

BARBOOM

THEY MUST HAVE THOUGHT I WAS INSIDE! IT CAN ONLY BE THE WORK OF THE TERRORIST SOCIETY--THE CRIMSON HOODS!

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!

HURRY-
ING
TO THE
CENTER
OF
TOWN,
THE
BLACK-
HAWKS
JOIN
THE
TOWNS-
PEOPLE
AT A
STREET
BARRI-
CADE...

PY YINGO! AY JUST NAILED ONE OF DAS CRIMSON HOODS!

UH-OH! I'M OUT OF SHELLS!

HERE THEY COME! KEEP FIRING AS LONG AS YOUR AMMUNITION LASTS!

IS VELLY BAD! IS MORE CRIMSON HOODS THAN BULLETS!

DON'T WORRY! IF WE RUN OUT OF AMMUNITION, WE CAN ALWAYS USE THEIRS!

NOM DE NOM!

MON DIEU! YOU DEED NOT HAVE A SECOND TO SPARE!

THOSE CRIMSON HOODS JUST RAN OUT OF TIME TOO--FOR GOOD!

WHEN THE LAST ROUND IS FIRED, THE BLACK-HAWKS CLOSE WITH THE TERROR-ISTS IN A VICIOUS HAND TO HAND STRUGGLE WHERE NO QUARTER IS GIVEN OR ASKED!



SOON, THE BLACK-HAWKS PREPARE FOR A LAST STAND IN THE HARBOR! THE Q SHIP'S GUNS ARE STRIPPED DOWN FOR ACTION!



AN HOUR PASSES... AND THEN TWO... AS THE VALIANT FIGHTERS ABOARD THE Q SHIP CARRY ON THEIR UNUSUAL WARFARE AGAINST THE TOWN SEIZED BY TERRORISTS!



WE'RE LOSING MEN EVERY MINUTE! THE END CAN'T BE FAR OFF! I DON'T SEE HOW THE Q SHIP IS STILL HOLDING UP UNDER ALL THIS SHELLING!



AND THEN, A HOARSE CRY FROM ANDRE...

SACRE BLEU! ZERE EES A WHITE FLAG! ZEY ARE ASKEENG FOR A TRUCE!

IT MAY BE A TRICK, ANDRE! ALERT OUR MEN TO BE ON GUARD! TELL THEM THEY HAVE PERMISSION TO SEND AN EMISSARY ABOARD!



YOU ARE THE EMISSARY FROM THE CRIMSON HOODS? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I'VE COME TO OFFER YOU HONORABLE TERMS FOR SURRENDER! IT MUST BE CLEAR TO YOU NOW THAT YOUR STRUGGLING IS USELESS!



OUR MEN CONTROL THE TOWN! IN A FEW MINUTES A SUBMARINE WILL ARRIVE AT THE HARBOR! IT WILL CONTAIN PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE NEW PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT!

THAT'S YOUR PLAN! FIRST YOU SEIZE THE TOWN, AND THEN 'INVITE' FOREIGN SPIES TO BECOME THE NEW OFFICIALS!



THAT WOULD GIVE YOU A FOOHOLD FROM WHICH YOU COULD EXPAND AND TAKE OVER THE WHOLE COUNTRY! PRETTY NEAT MISTER! BUT IT WON'T WORK... BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO SWALLOW YOUR BAIT!



AS LONG AS WE REMAIN HERE, YOUR FRIENDS CAN'T DOCK THEIR SUBMARINE! THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE A TRUCE!



I HAVE ONE OTHER ALTERNATIVE TO SUGGEST, BLACK-HAWK!

BLACKHAWK

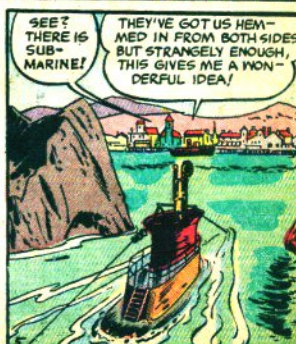
AS THE DEADLY BOMB'S FUSE BURNS DOWN, BLACKHAWK ACTS!



BLACKHAWK'S DARING GAMBLE PAYS OFF!



LATER, A COUNCIL OF WAR IS HELD ON THE BATTERED SHIP...

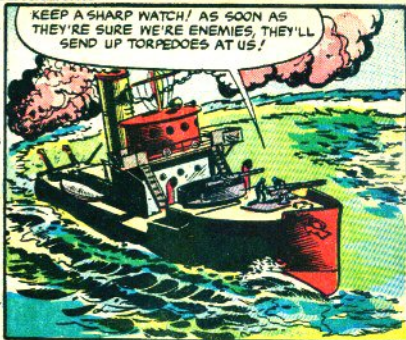


WE'RE NOT GOING TO STAY HERE LIKE SITTING DUCKS! LET'S GET STEAM UP IN THIS OLD SHIP'S BOILERS! WE'LL TAKE HER OUT TO MEET THAT SUB!

PARBLEU! EET EEZ A CRAZEE IDEA! BUT I LIKE EET!

QUIVERING FROM STEM TO STERN, WITH RUSTY ENGINES POUNDING, THE ANCIENT Q SHIP AGAIN MOVES OUT TO BATTLE!

KEEP A SHARP WATCH! AS SOON AS THEY'RE SURE WE'RE ENEMIES, THEY'LL SEND UP TORPEDOES AT US!



HERE IT COMES!

OH, GOLLIES! ME HEAR SELF GO BOOM-BOOM ALLEADY!

HARD OVER ON THE WHEEL!



THEY GOT US!



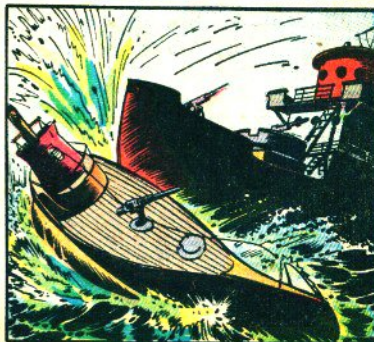
WE'RE SHIPPING WATER FAST! THE ENGINE ROOM IS FLOODED! WE WERE LUCKY TO GET OUT!

A GOOD TRY, GANG! TOO BAD WE DIDN'T MAKE IT! I GUESS IT'S TIME TO ABANDON SHIP!



DOGGEDLY, THE DOOMED Q SHIP PLOUGHS ON THROUGH THE WATERS!

YIIIII! IT'S HEADING RIGHT FOR US! -DIVE!



BOCKED IN A DEATH EMBRACE, THE Q SHIP AND THE SUBMARINE SUNK UNTIL BOTH ARE NEARLY AWASH!



PY YIMINY! WHAT HAPPENED?

OUR SHIP CLAIMED ITSELF A LAST VICTIM! LET'S FINISH THE JOB SHE STARTED!

THE CONNING TOWER! THAT'S THE LAST HOPE OF ESCAPE FOR THE ENEMY SPIES INSIDE!



YOU CAN'T COME OUT, WHOEVER YOU ARE!

AND WHEN THE BATTLE ENDS, THE BLACK-HAWKS HEAD FOR SHORE!



THE CRIMSON HOODS HAVEN'T ANYTHING TO FIGHT FOR NOW! I'LL BET THEIR REIGN OF TERROR DOESN'T LAST MUCH LONGER!

LATER, THE TOWN OF KWANG-SHU CELEBRATES VICTORY!



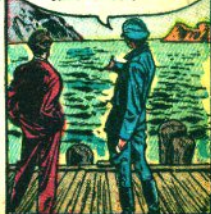
THE CRIMSON HOODS WERE THROWN INTO A PANIC WHEN THEY SAW THE SUBMARINE DESTROYED! DURING THE CONFUSION, OUR PEOPLE RECAPTURED THE ARMORY! IT IS ALL OVER!

SOMEHOW, THEY DON'T LOOK SO TERRIFYING NOW!

WE OWE YOU AND YOUR MEN A DEBT THAT NOTHING CAN EVER REPAY, BLACKHAWK! YOU SAVED US FROM TYRANNY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN WORSE THAN DEATH!

DON'T GIVE US THE CREDIT, MR. MAYOR!

THE REAL HERO OF THIS BATTLE IS LYING OUT THERE—SOMEWHERE ON THE HARBOR BOTTOM! THAT OLD Q SHIP FOUGHT ITS LAST GREAT BATTLE FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM... AND WON!



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